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## Newhouse Says Farewell

BY JULIE LARSEN AND  
VERONICA BURGHER

Student President/Regent Jennifer Newhouse urged new senators not to lose sight of what is important to UNO students as she addressed the senate Thursday for the final time.

"If you think for yourself and act on honest beliefs, I don't think you will have anything to worry about for the remainder of this year," Newhouse said. "Remember you are a team, and you must act together as one."

Newhouse's term officially ends Dec. 31. Student President/Regent-elect Matt Schulz will be sworn-in in mid-January.

Next semester, Newhouse said, the senate will face crucial issues such as a proposed College of Engineering and Technology.

"The only way you will ever get out from under Lincoln's thumb is to be heard," Newhouse said. "Support your student regent, Matt Schulz, rally your senators and more importantly involve your constituents."

In other business:

- Sen. Heidi Hess resigned her senate seat and was appointed director of an ad hoc agency to oversee a \$40,000 fountain project. The project, scheduled to coincide with Student Center renovations next year, will be funded from a Student Government reserve account.

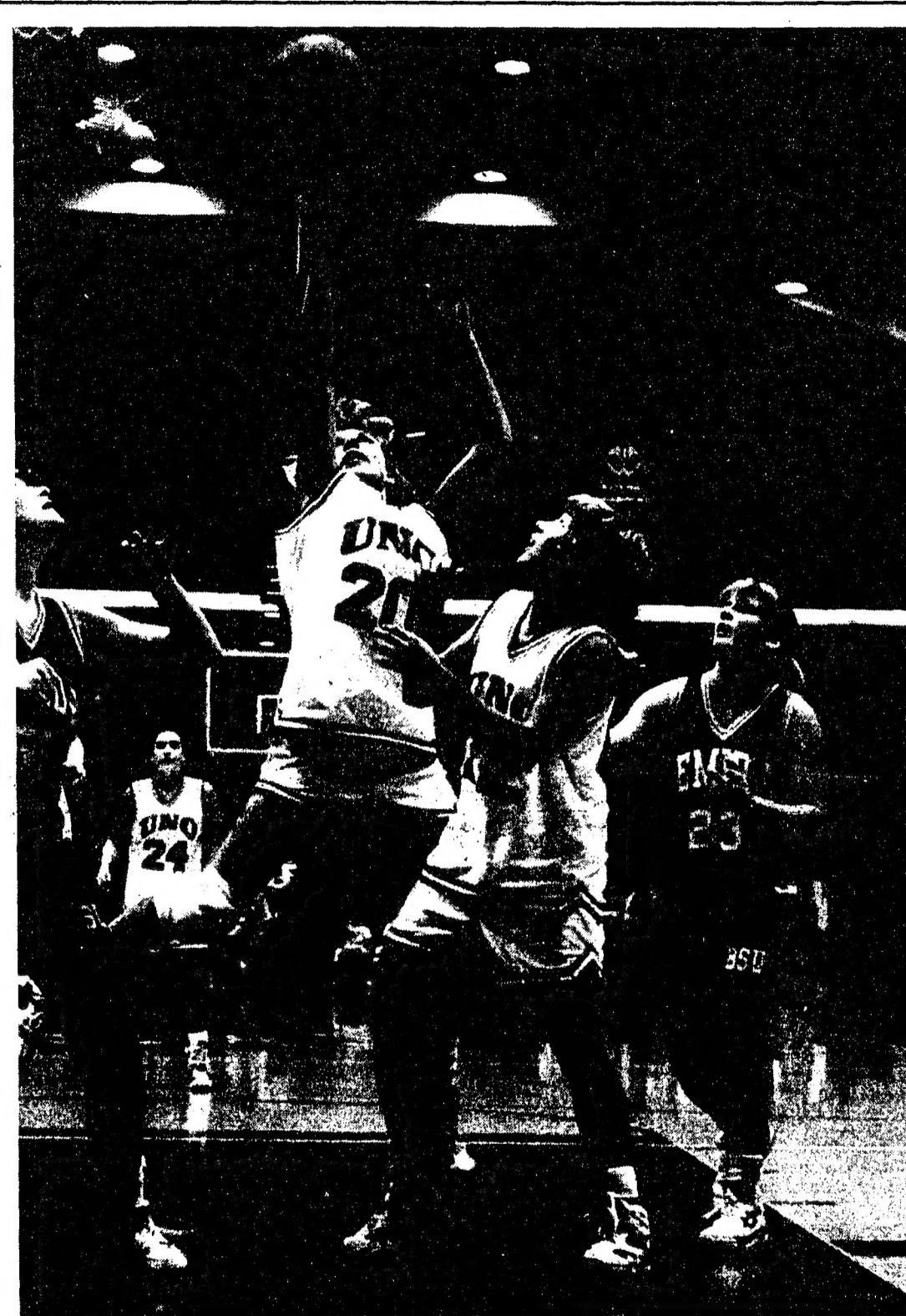
- Bryan Jacobsen was accepted as the new director of International Student Services. Jacobsen has been acting director for the past few weeks, following the resignation of Saeed Siddiqi.

- Sen. Mike Fingerlin was appointed budget committee chair.

- Carrie Warsocki was re-appointed as student member of the publications board.

- Four senators and one student at large were appointed to the Student Activities Budget Committee. The committee includes four student senators, two students at large and university faculty or member.

- Those appointed: Sens. Tad Stuelpnagel, LaCrisha Crawford, Aimee Welch, James Neneman and student-at-large member Craig Richter.



—Lisa Tosoni

## Lady Mavs Remain Unbeaten

UNO picked up two more victories over the weekend to win the Cox Cable Classic in the UNO Fieldhouse. The 5-0 Lady Mavs defeated Bemidji (Minn.) State, 81-66, in Friday's opening round, then defeated Denver University, 62-59, in Saturday's championship game. Turn to sports, page 10.

## Bundling Up Key to Surviving Winter

BY KARMA CUNNINGHAM-CAMPHOR

How do we survive the winter? Ed Clarke, a student nurse from Clarkson College of Nursing offered UNO students several tips on staying healthy and safe during cold weather season.

According to Clarke, the best overall advice is to dress appropriately, layering clothing, gloves, socks and footwear to trap small, insulating pockets of air around your body.

Cover ears, nose and mouth and always wear gloves and a hat when the temperature is at or below freezing as 30 percent of the body's heat is lost through the head.

Two of the most common health hazards during very low temperatures are hypothermia and frostbite. Neither of the two should be taken lightly, Clarke said.

Hypothermia is a potentially fatal cold weather threat when the body loses heat faster than it can

produce it. Hypothermia can cause serious damage to the heart and nervous system, so if it is suspected, Clarke said, it is essential to find shelter, institute gradual warming and contact a doctor right away.

Frostbite is more common than hypothermia, but even in the mildest of cases, a doctor should be consulted, Clarke said. Since frostbite usually occurs at or below a wind chill factor of -20, it is important to be aware of wind chill danger.

The symptoms of frostbite are numbness or tingling of the arms, legs, fingers or toes, increased stiffness or severe pain with movement and paleness of the skin where the skin changes to a gray or white color.

Because severe cases of frostbite can have lifelong effects,

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## Student Scrambles for Degree

BY SUSAN MCCELLIGOTT

Jill Ball, a UNO senior, wishes she could relax and enjoy her last couple of weeks of school before graduation, but she can't.

A consumer science major, Ball is scrambling to make up for the shaky foundation she laid at the beginning of the semester.

"I've been going to school for so long, I just took it for granted that I'd make it through the last

semester, no problem," she said.

Ball has been going to school on and off for the last 10 years. She earned an associate's degree in dietetics at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, but quickly realized a two-year degree wouldn't take her very far. Since then, Ball has attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and is now attending UNO to get a four-year degree.

Now that she is close to graduation, Ball said her last semester

has sort of slipped by her.

"It's just been really hard to be motivated," she said. Ball said she did not attend classes at the beginning of the semester as much as she should have.

The turning point came, said Ball, around midterms.

"I knew that was it, I could either buckle down or say goodbye to the semester and all

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# Attorney Explains Decision Jessica Case Complex

By SUSAN McELLIGOTT

Although the decision caused an outcry of emotion across the nation, the Michigan Supreme Court did the right thing legally by giving Baby Jessica back to her natural parents, said Mike Washburn, an Omaha adoption law attorney.

"This case is a lawyer's worst nightmare," Washburn said. "It has thrown the entire adoption process into a tizzy."

Adoption law and moral values, especially as illustrated in the case of Baby Jessica DeBoer, were the topics of the Christian Forum on Wednesday.

"This is a current issue that has attracted a lot of attention, and it's a highly volatile issue," said Campus Pastor Darrel Berg, moderator of the discussion.

Jessica's biological father didn't find out that he was her real father until three months after she was born. Her biological mother lied about the identity of the real father, Washburn said.

Jessica's mother had convinced another man that he was the father of the child, and he gave permission for the adoption.

Later, Washburn said, Jessica's biological parents, the Schmidts, got married and decided to fight to regain custody of

the child.

"Legally the courts made a correct decision," Washburn said, "because the biological father never gave permission for the adoption."

The Iowa court ruled in favor of the Schmidts, he said, but the DeBoers live in Michigan, so they appealed to the Michigan State court system. In August of this

dress the issue of the child's best interest.

"We want to cut to the chase and get right to the best interest of the child," said Cheryl Murray of Adoption Links Worldwide, a private adoption agency in Omaha.

Murray said many prospective parents are hesitant about adoption because of the DeBoer case. "The minute that verdict came down, our phones rang off the hooks," she said.

She said open adoption is a possibility that might have alleviated some of the pain

both couples experienced. Open adoption allows the birth parents to stay in touch with the child based on agreements set by both couples.

"As long as the child is given permission to love both sides, the child should have no emotional problems or divided loyalties," Murray said.

Douglas County District Attorney Liz Chernovich said every custody case is unique.

"What's too bad is that this case has caused an uproar. It's not black and white, and it never is when humans are involved," Chernovich said.

The real tragedy, she said, is that Baby Jessica has become little more than a pawn in an adults' game.

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—Mike Washburn  
Omaha Adoption Law Attorney

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that money."

Ball said that since then, she's been pushing herself harder and taking her schoolwork more seriously. She has talked to her professors to find out exactly where she stands in her classes and what she can do to boost her grades.

"I think professors have empathy for graduating seniors," she said. "Not a lot, but a little."

"It's a dangerous time to be a grandmother," said Russell Palmer of the philosophy and religion department. Palmer said that every semester around final examination time, there seems to be an

increase in the death rate of grandparents.

Palmer said he is fairly accommodating of students turning in late assignments or rescheduling exams.

"I'm not a real hard nose about it," he said.

Palmer said he is not inclined to give special favors to graduating seniors or anyone else. It's the attitude of the student that counts. If it's clear that the student has been slacking off, he said he definitely won't cut corners for them.

Faye Dorwart of the Learning Center, said a lot of students come into the Center around this time of the semester to work on

term papers and written projects.

The Learning Center will be open its usual hours, and tutors will be available during finals week for anyone who needs last minute help or for those who want to get a jump on next semester, she said.

If she could start the semester over, Ball said, she'd do things differently. She'd try not to schedule more than 12 hours for her last semester and she'd do her best from the beginning.

"There's just a lot of stress," she said, "and if you're not careful, you get really burned out."

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Clarke recommends going to an emergency room as quickly as possible after experiencing such symptoms.

To treat frostbite, use lukewarm water and gradually warm the injured areas. Do not massage the areas with snow and do not re-expose the injured area to low temperatures, Clarke said.

Clarke offered several additional hints on getting along in cold weather:

- Get plenty of rest. When your body is worn down, it is more difficult to fight off viruses.

- Good nutrition plays an important factor in severe weather. Before going out in cold weather, eat energy producing foods. Complex carbohydrates such as rice, legumes, pasta and potatoes. These enhance heat production in the body.

- Make sure to drink plenty of fluids, especially water, to keep the body hydrated.

- Beware of caffeine and alcoholic beverages which can increase the dehydration effects of winter weather. Alcohol alters judgement as well, producing a false warming sensation.

- Keep a winter survival kit in your car and include the following items: a shovel, blanket or sleeping bag, a bag of kitty litter or salt for traction, a half pound coffee can to melt snow for drinking and a flashlight with extra batteries.

- For long distance travel, bring along food items like peanuts, chocolates and crackers for emergency rations, extra clothing, gloves, socks, boots, face mask, small portable radio, lighters, candles and matches.

- If you are stranded in bad weather, stay with your car. Do not try to walk to get help. If your car will start and you are waiting for help, occasionally start the car to run the heater.

- Make sure your exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow and crack your window for ventilation. Remain calm and keep your windows clear to look for approaching cars. Make sure your car is visible to passing vehicles.

- Keep your gas tank half full and make sure the car is well-maintained (oil, coolant and window cleaner levels should be checked regularly).

- Allow extra time for driving in hazardous weather conditions.

- If you are having symptoms of cold or flu, avoid overexertion, rest and drink extra liquids, especially warm ones. If symptoms get worse or don't improve within seven days, call your doctor.

During the winter cold season, students may visit UNO's Student Health Services, located in Room 132 of the Student Center. Two registered nurses are available full-time and a doctor is available 20 hours a week for the following treatments: ear irrigation, immunizations, emergency care and allergy shots.

The center can also provide free lab work for strep throat and mononucleosis. Students can make an appointment or come in during scheduled walk-in hours.

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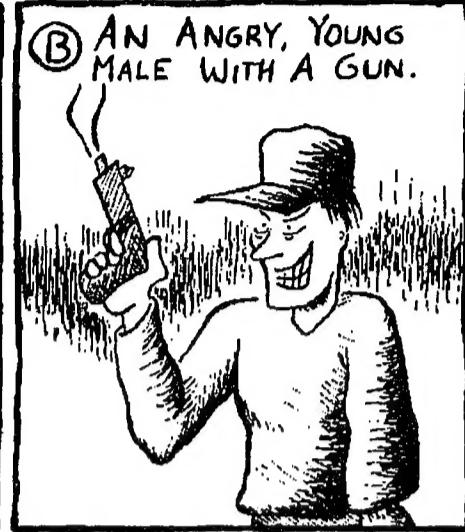
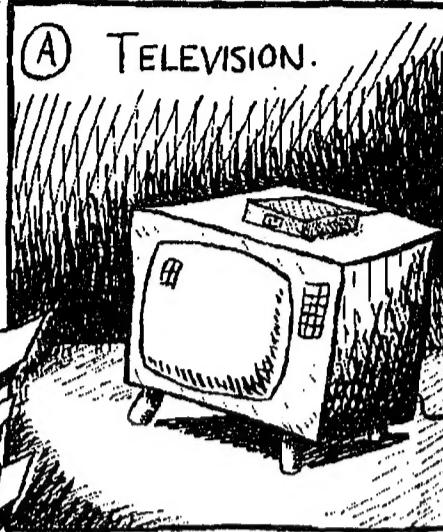
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Jodair's  
Quiz  
On  
VIOLENCE

① WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS MORE LIKELY TO CAUSE ACTUAL HARM?



② WHICH ONE IS MORE LIKELY TO BE BLAMED FOR THAT HARM?

## Equality an Issue That Needs Facing

Feminism is dead!

This according to an opinion column printed in the icon **Omaha World-Herald**. Yeah, we know how in touch with reality they are. There is no longer any need for the feminist movement according to certain people — mainly men.

Some people think women have achieved equality and therefore have no need for an organized movement. These are probably the same people who think there is no racism in America either. What bunk.

Well I'll let you in on a little secret. There is plenty of racism and sexism left in America.

Someone I know took a course at Metropolitan Community College, Fort Omaha Campus. The course was "The I-CAR Electronics For Collision Repair Course." During the course, this person stumbled upon the most blatant example of sexist language I have ever read. And this was taught at a college.

The instructor did have the moral fiber to apologize for the material, but said that they had been doing it this way for years and nobody had devised a better system. The situation involved was a memory crutch for color coded resistors.

The colors were: Black, Brown, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Violet, Gold and White. The memorization tool devised years ago is: Bad Boys Rape Our Young Girls, But Violet Gives Willingly.

Isn't that a nice manly way to remember the color of wires? To make things worse, this was not a classroom of only men, there were two women attending the class. There has to be a better way to label these colors. To say that an improved version has not been found in all these years is an example of the indifference given to sexist language.

Surely someone could have come up with a better rote memorization form than this. Let's give it a try.

Colors: Black, Brown, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Violet Gold and White. Memory name: Beth Brown, Really Objects Young Girls Being Violently Grossly Womanized.

Okay, so it's not the best in the world, however, it is better than the original.

I find it interesting to note that if this had been racist language it would have been changed by now. The lame excuse that it has been done this way for years is insulting to one's intelligence. Just because something has been done the same way for years does not mean that it should not be changed.

I think political correctness sometimes gets out of hand. This, however, is not a

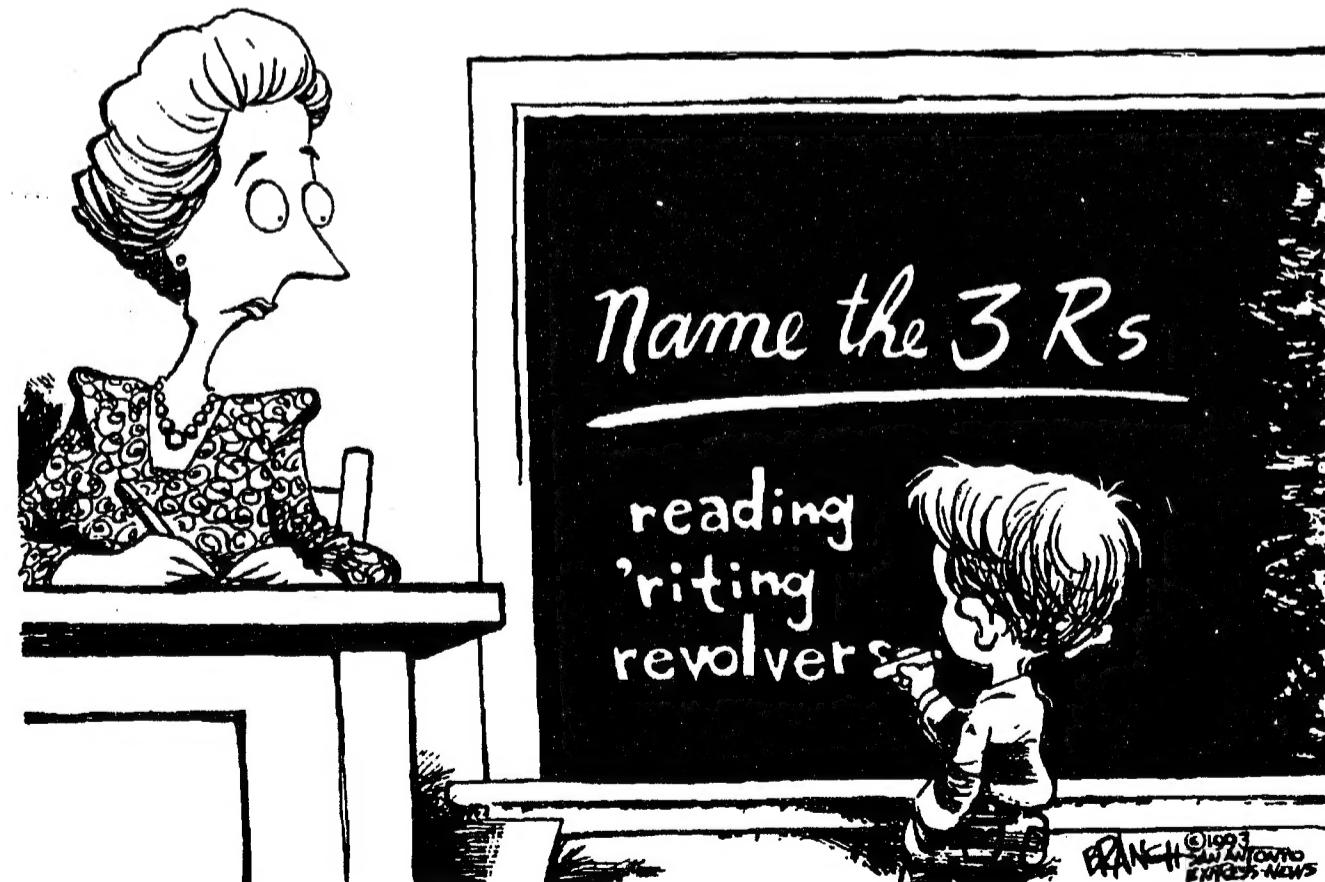
frivolous issue, it is a distasteful case of sexist language and should be changed. This should not be tolerated in today's society.

Addressing the issue of women's equality, women still make around 60 cents to every dollar a man makes. A women with a college degree makes about the same as a man with a high school education. Women with children constitute the majority of the nation's poor. Statistics show that divorced women are 37 percent poorer as a result of the divorce but a man's income rises.

But according to the column in the **World-Herald** feminism is dead, because it is no longer needed. Women and men have total equality. Yeah, and there's no ethnic conflicts in Bosnia either.

Women do not have equality in today's society, the simple fact that we need to address this issue at all is your first clue that equality has not been achieved.

Liz Kelley  
**COLUMNIST**



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## Commencement Slated For Ak-sar-ben Coliseum

Commencement time for December graduates will be 9:30 a.m. at the Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum. The commencement is held a half hour earlier than usual.

All future UNO commencements will be held at 9:30 as well, due to lobby congestion.

## Williams Receives Award For Cheerful Service

Madaline Williams, a Library Tech II in the University Library, has been named employee of the month for December.

Williams was commended by her nominators for her helpfulness and cheerful attitude. One nominator stated, "Madaline is truly service-oriented. She is willing to assist persons who go into the library and need help finding information or their way around."

Another wrote, "Madaline has a ready smile and a happy face for everyone she meets."

## Oriental Trading Co. Offers Tuition Stipends

Oriental Trading Co. has initiated a new tuition program that allows students to earn while they learn.

Starting Jan. 1, the company will offer \$1,000 stipends per semester to students employed by the company who work at least 24 hours per week, attend school at least 12 hours a semester and maintain a "B" average.

Representatives from Oriental Trading Co. will be on hand at the Student Center by the Sweet Shop Dec. 7 and 8 to discuss the program.

For more information or an application for the program, stop by the Career Planning and Placement offices at Eppley Administration Building, Room 111.

## Schutz Retires After 25 Years at University

A reception to honor Will Schutz, assistant vice president and director of university-wide computing, will be Dec. 14 from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Varner Hall in Lincoln. Schutz will retire Dec. 31 after 25 years of service to the university.

## Reception for Pazderka Planned for Tuesday

A reception to honor Bob Pazderka, assistant vice president of business and finance and director of facilities at UNL, will be Tuesday from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Varner Hall in Lincoln. Pazderka will retire Dec. 31 after nearly 20 years of service to the university.

## Women's Guild to Hold Prevention Contest

More than \$5,200 in cash prizes will be awarded to the best entries in a contest sponsored by the Women's Guild of the Meyer Rehabilitation Institute on successful prevention and intervention strategies in the management of children with be-

havioral problems at home and in the elementary classroom.

Three categories of presenters are encouraged to submit papers — teachers, parents and related service personnel.

The top three papers will be presented at a symposium to be held April 9 in the Cooper Auditorium at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing.

Entry deadline is Jan. 8. For more information, contact Marsha Sullivan, Meyer Rehabilitation Institute, at 559-6460.

## Cuza University Confers Laurels to UNO Faculty

Three UNO faculty members were honored recently at Al. I. Cuza University in Iasi, Romania. Professors Wally Bacon, Larry Trussell and David Ambrose were conferred the title, "Honorary Member of the University Senate."

In the history of Cuza University, this honor has conferred only once before. The UNO faculty members have been active in working with the faculty and administration of Cuza University.

## LETTERS LETTERS.

### Newhouse Shows Appreciation

Dear Editor,

I want to thank all the students, faculty and staff for a great term as your student body president/regent. Together we have faced many issues that have significantly impacted UNO.

They have stood tall in times of tuition increases and budget cuts, they did not sit back and remain silent. Their voices were heard in the State Legislature, and their support felt among the Board of Regents. That deserves congratulations.

However, the battle to be treated as equals to UNL is not over. In the spring semester we will be faced with the possibility of a new College of Engineering. Don't give up, fight to give UNO the same opportunities that UNL is granted. You

all have the power within yourselves and Student Government to change things. Do it.

To the students of UNO, I thank you for your support both with the regents and in Student Government. To the faculty and staff, thank you for supporting UNO students and higher education. And for those of you who have me in classes, thanks for putting up with all my absences. Lastly, I would like to thank the administration for teaching me how to play the "game."

Good luck to you all and thanks again for a great year filled with accomplishments, new friends and maybe one waterfall.

Jennifer E. Newhouse  
Student President/Regent



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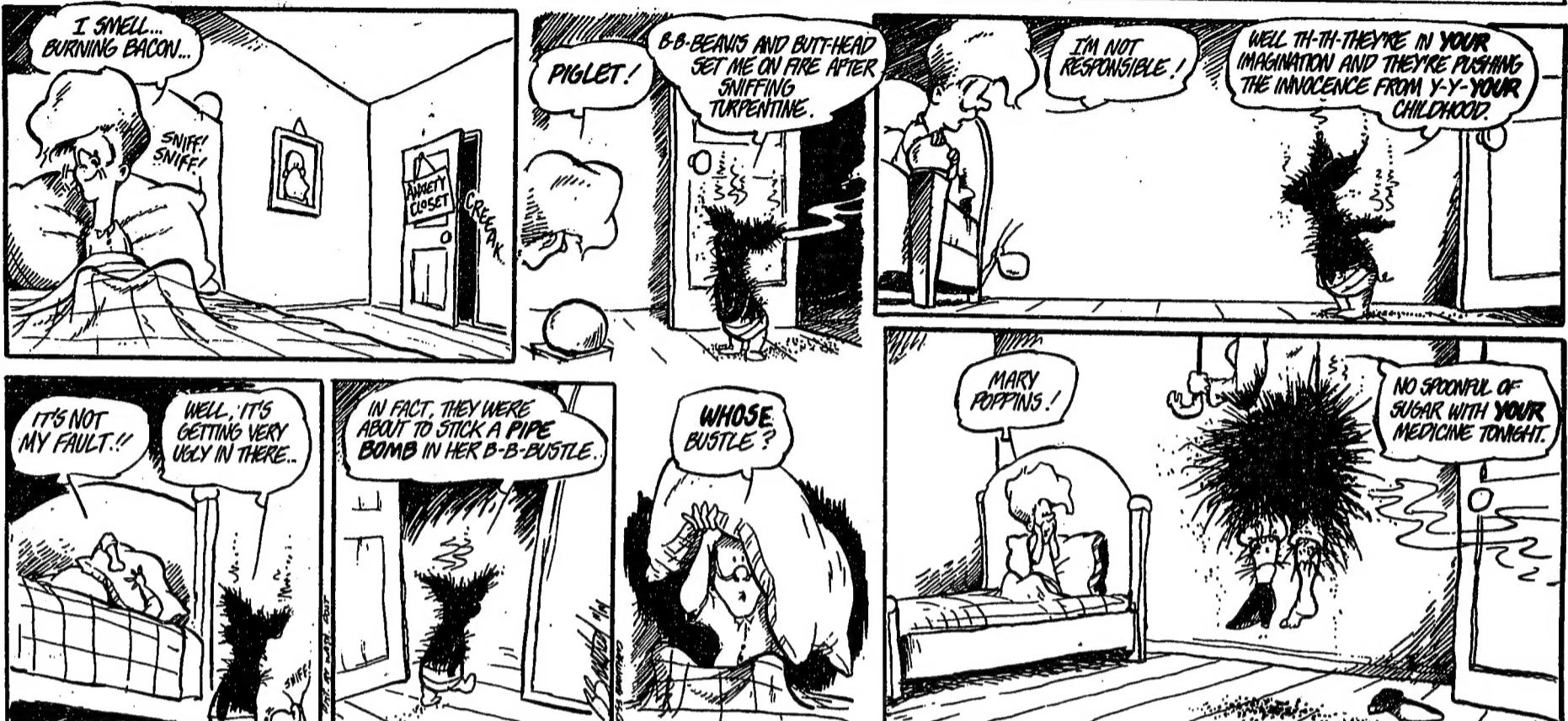
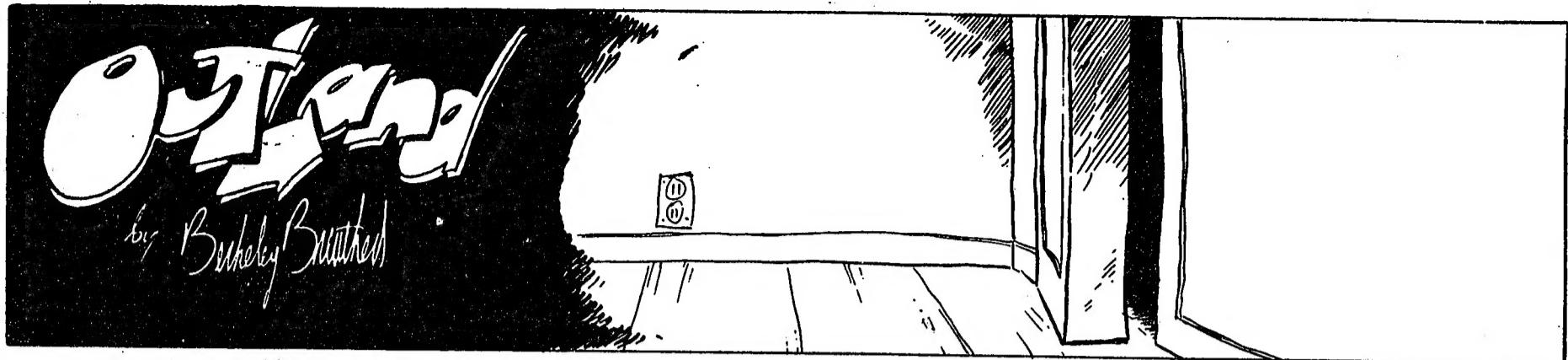
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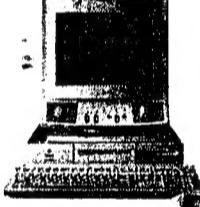
Since the Student Center is one of the few spaces where students currently can smoke, we feel compelled to remind students that after January 1, 1994 when the campus goes to this new policy, you will be unable to smoke in the Student Center or any University buildings.

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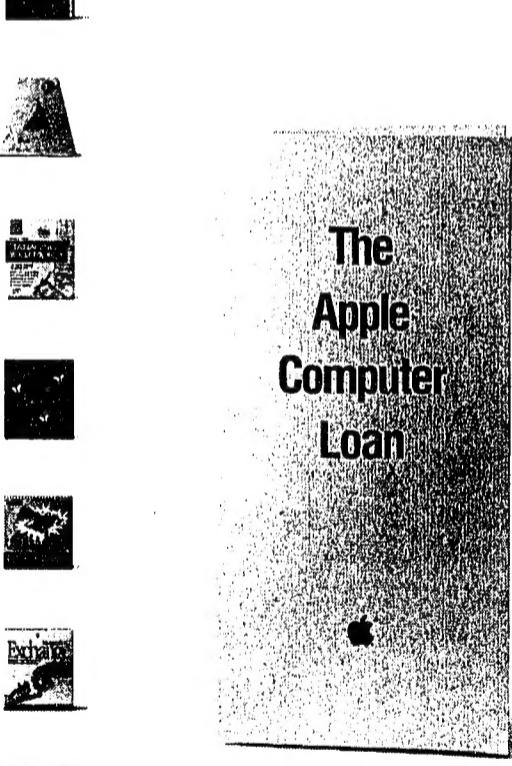


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# Jewish Celebrate Holiday Light the Menorahs, It's Hanukkah

BY JULIE LARSEN

After sundown Wednesday, Jewish families will gather to light the first candle on their menorahs (candelabrum), signaling the beginning of the eight-day holiday, Hanukkah, the festival of lights.

Hanukkah is based on a series of miracles which occurred to the Jews in the fight against the Greek king Antiochus around 167 B.C., said UNO professor Richard Freund, who is a rabbi.

"He (Antiochus) had begun to suppress the religion of Judaism and forbid many of the Jewish practices," Freund said. "Subsequently, he began to use the temple in Jerusalem, which was the center for Judaism cultic activity, for Greek pagan practices."

Freund said under the leadership of one family, the Hasmoneans, the Jews rebelled against the Greeks.

"The miracle is, this very small group was able to defeat a much larger and much better trained group of Greeks," he said. The Greek king left Jerusalem after their defeat.

On the day the Jews rededicated the temple in Jerusalem, the 25th day of Kislev, they

lighted candelabrum in the temple, lending to the name the "holiday of lights." The celebration lasted for eight days.

The major message of Hanukkah is that a small group can make a difference, he said.

"For Jews that is a message of great hope because Jews have always been a minority," Freund said.

One miracle associated with the holiday is the oil that burned in the temple for eight days. According to the rabbi, Freund said, there was only enough oil for one night, and it burned for eight.

During Hanukkah, families light an additional candle each night until nine (the eight days

and the messenger candle) are lighted. Many people in the modern period have given special meaning to each night.

"Instead of just getting presents, they will dedicate one night of gifts to the home-less. One night they will dedicate one night to the family members that are not with them," he said. "There are different family customs that develop and each night does become distinctive."

Freund said each member of his fam-ily has their own menorah, including his two small children, to pro-vide them with a sense of ownership.

"Instead of just giving pre-sents, we make sure that the children learn that they have to give something also," he said. "We have a special charity

fund that they donate to. We make sure that it's not just an emphasis on shopping, buy-ing and getting."

Jewish families eat foods associated with the success of oil during Hanukkah, Freund said. One food common to the holiday are potato pancakes or latkes.

"They remember through the medium of oil, how the Jews were saved," he said.

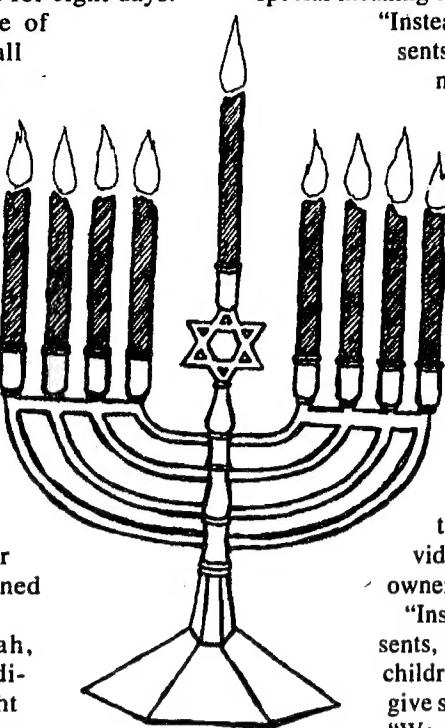
Each night, parents also give their chil-dren dradle tops and pennies to allow them to learn that life is a gamble.

"They (Hasmoneans) could have well been defeated by the Greeks," Freund said. "But they wagered and they won."

Freund said the idea of gift-giving stemmed from this idea. Instead of giving children money to gamble with, Jewish par-ents usually give them gifts and money.

Unlike Yom Kippur or other Jewish holy days, Hanukkah has less religious signifi-cance.

"It's a family-oriented holiday without having a large religious significance to it," he said. "It does involve the liberation of the temple hands of foreigners. It does involve the idea of freedom, which is a major theme in Jewish holidays."



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## UH May Abolish Sports

FROM COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

The Faculty Senate at the University of Houston recently recommended that the university's athletic programs be abolished or become self-supporting.

A poll conducted by the Faculty Senate earlier this fall suggested that students lack interest in collegiate sports, but the students polled do not support the Faculty Senate's suggestion to abolish them.

Out of 300 students polled, only 8 percent said they regularly attend athletic games at UH. But 64 percent said the university's athletics should remain, despite the senate's recommendation.

Faculty Senate President George Reiter said the student survey confirms that students don't really care about the university's athletics. He said he was disappointed that students disagreed with the suggestion to eliminate athletics altogether, since they rarely attend the athletic events.

Athletic Director Bill Carr said the survey is encouraging for the athletic department because it shows that students are interested in maintaining athletics on campus. The non-binding resolution asks for the elimination of the football and basketball teams, and it asks that the baseball, golf, track, volleyball, tennis, swimming and diving teams become self-supporting.

Carr said that although most students rarely attend the athletic events, they realize the importance of athletics to the university.

"A lot of the students have busy schedules and probably can't

come out to the events as much as they would like," Carr said.

Carr said he would not want to run an athletic department without student funding. He said student support is fundamental to the athletic program because when students pay an athletic fee they have a vested interest in the program.

Carr also said the \$34-per-semester athletic fee gives the athletic department an accountability to the students because the athletic department belongs to them. The total annual budget for the athletic department is \$2 million.

Reiter said a major problem with athletes is that academics are not a priority to them. He said the athletes at UH have a 14 percent graduation rate, and that other students have a 23 percent graduation rate.

Reiter said the graduation rate

of athletes should be much higher considering the athletes receive scholarships. Almost half of the university's \$5 million in scholarship money is for 250 athletes, out of 400 student athletes. The other half is divided among 1,300 other students.

According to Reiter, the problem with athletes is that many are not qualified to be college students.

"They wind up being used up for entertainment, and they don't get an education or a career," he said.

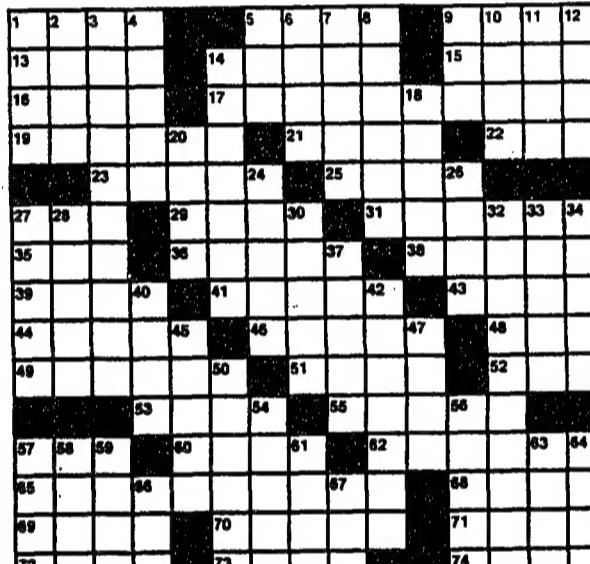
In order to raise the graduation rate of athletes, Carr said he will hire an associate athletic director for academic services.

"We're working on raising the level of expectation and support for athletes in the classroom," Carr said. "It takes time, but it will happen."

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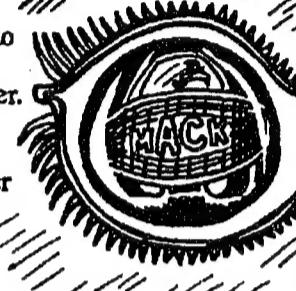
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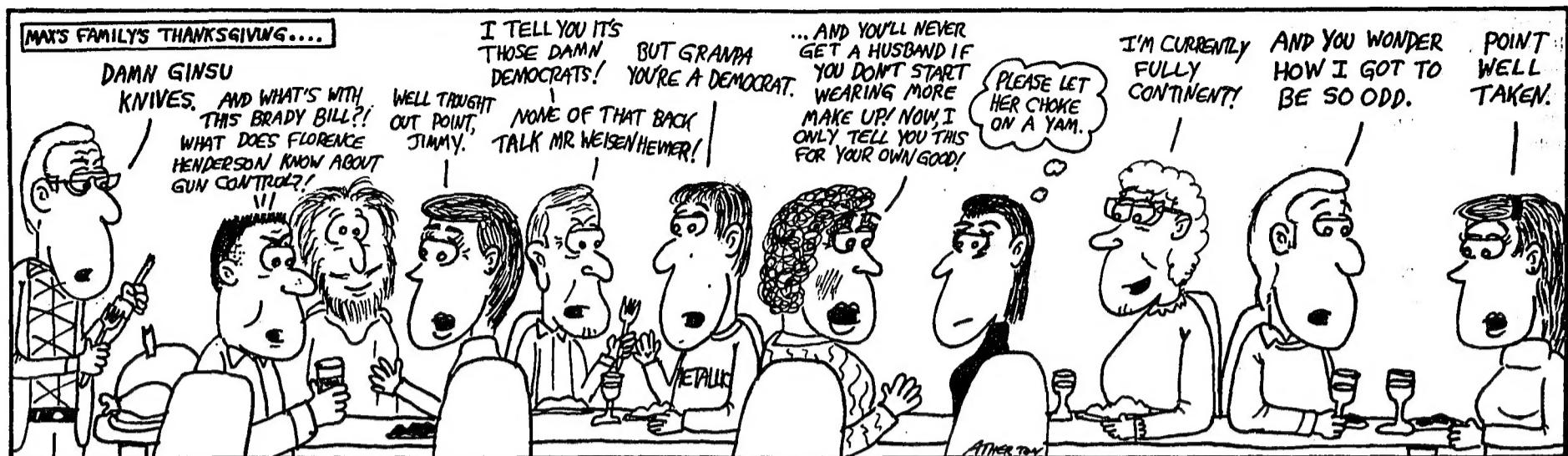
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# Three-Year Degree May Be in Future

FROM COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

If you could graduate in three years instead of four, saving a quarter of your total bill, would you? Seventy-seven percent of high school students said yes in a recent study.

With college being second only to the purchase of a home as the biggest expense a family faces, many students and parents are beginning to inquire about this option. Several institutions are also examining the three-year degree as one strategy in meeting the enrollment and fiscal challenges they face.

Of course, the accelerated degree is not new. It has existed at most schools for some time, but only a small percentage of students took advantage of it, perhaps some time, but only a small percentage of students took advantage of it, perhaps because a three-year degree also means working hard and abandoning activities such as sports, social organizations, student government, internships and part-time jobs.

But some officials think this low participation is due to programs not being formalized or advertised in college catalogues. Often, shortened programs were strictly for gifted students, or for more enterprising students to work out on their own. Now, with skyrocketing college costs, students may reconsider.

S. Frederick Starr, president of Oberlin College in Ohio, and one of the first administrators to advocate a three-year degree, sees it as an option for students who otherwise might not be able to afford to get a college degree. He estimated that eliminating one year of college could reduce costs by 25 percent, or for 40 percent if potential

income is factored for the fourth year.

"This plan actually reduces the cost of a B.A.," he said. "Everything else, so far, simply decreases the rate of increase."

Starr said he sees student demand for this program growing, citing the boom in Advanced Placement (AP) testing as an indicator. The tests allow high school students to earn college credits. In 1993, 639,000 students took APs, an increase of 60,000 over the previous year and the largest increase of this decade.

In addition, Starr points to the survey of 2,000 high school students nationwide by George Dehne & Associates. Seventy-seven percent said they would want to attend a university offering a three-year degree, a 43 percent increase from the same survey question in 1983.

But four is still the magic number for most educators. The United States adopted the four-year degree from England when Harvard University was founded in 1636. However, England and other European countries have long since changed to a three-year baccalaureate, and supporters of the three-year degree say it is time the United States does the same.

Critics say the current European system shouldn't be compared with this nation's because of the state of secondary schools here, evidenced by the growing need for high school remedial work and declining SAT scores.

"European students come to college with a much higher level of preparation and specialization than in the U.S., and that is not likely to change in the next few years," Cornell University President Frank Rhodes told the San Francisco Chronicle.

Starr, however, says there are a "surprising number of high schools doing an excel-

lent job," and working with these high schools could help the students reach their goal of graduating from college in a shorter period of time. He did agree, however, that there is not time for high school academic remedial work in an accelerated plan.

Students would begin the three-year degree in high school, taking stringent college prep courses and AP tests, under a plan suggested by Starr. Additional college credits might be earned through a dual enrollment arrangement where both high school and college-level courses are taken.

Once in college, students would choose a major in their first year and enroll in overload classes. They could also attend summer terms, which would be an obstacle for those needing to work.

The most controversial issue involved whether general education requirements should be reduced. Starr said some colleges need to "trim the fat" from their curriculum.

"Often innovations in American education become instantly standardized and imposed across widely differing schools without respect to their particular mission," Starr said. "I think you have to ask the core question of education, 'what is most worth knowing?'"

Critics say this flies in the face of what higher education is about.

Dartmouth College President James O. Freedman told The Chronicle of Higher Education that, "students mature so much between the ages of 17 and 22 that they would lose a lot if we took away a year. Students should explore a lot of things. They should have a sense of progression, and they should have a sense of mastery."

Vartan Gregorian, president of Brown University in Rhode Island, said that the "knowledge explosion" has been so great

that students should take five years to earn an undergraduate degree. In an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle, Gregorian said, "This (three-year degree) is driven by economics, not educational quality."

He added that a shorter program would lead to sketchy knowledge of key subjects that provide "education information," but not knowledge. "Otherwise, you can stay at home and read the Encyclopedia Britannica, which costs only \$600, and take a test at the end," he said.

Nevertheless, some schools are venturing into reducing the amount of time to get an undergraduate degree.

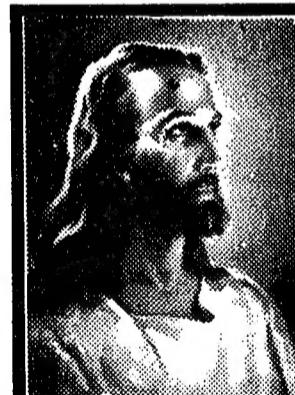
Albertus Magnus College, a liberal arts college in New Haven, Conn., began a three-year program this fall. Curriculum requirements were not changed, but the academic calendar was compressed into three 13-week semesters, said college spokesman Robert Cole.

Like many private schools, Albertus Magnus has been losing students to less expensive state institutions. College officials hope that this degree may reverse a trend through financial incentives by reducing charges for tuition and room and board when students are enrolled in a third consecutive session. Students will save about \$11,000 by graduation.

"We have gotten an excellent response," Cole said, adding that 75 percent of returning students and 80 percent of incoming freshmen opted for the three-year plan.

Meanwhile, public university systems, including those in California, New York and Virginia, are examining a three-year program as a way of addressing increased enrollment and decreased funding by streamlining the degree process.

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# Blue Jays Repeat History With UNO

By Tim Rohwer

The UNO/Creighton men's basketball series Saturday picked up where it left off six years ago — with another Blue Jay victory.

Creighton beat the Mavs, 83-66, before 3,231 at the Civic Auditorium. It was the first time the two crosstown teams played each other since the 1987-88 season when the Blue Jays won 61-60.

Creighton won Saturday's contest behind the play of forward Jerry Vanderheydt who scored 26 points and had 12 rebounds and three steals, all

career highs for him.

The Blue Jays also got 17 points from center Nate King and 11 from forward Randall Crutcher as they won first game of the season after opening with two losses.

Senior Mike Conley and junior Frank Cypress, both forwards, led UNO scorers with 15 points each. The loss dropped the Mavs to 0-4.

Following the game six years ago, Creighton officials decided to end the series in order to exclusively play Division I schools. UNO is in Division II.

This spring, however, officials from both schools agreed to resume the series, at least on a one-game basis.

UNO and Creighton played each other

annually from the 1974-75 season until the '87-88 season with the Blue Jays winning all but one game. In the 1982-83 season, UNO upset the Blue Jays, 56-45.

There would be nothing like that for the Mavs this year, though they got off the block quickly and led 5-2 with about three minutes gone in the game.

That's when Vanderheydt and King went to work. Together, they scored the next 12 points to put the Jays in front, 14-5, with 14 minutes left in the half.

A jumper by Conley at the 13:54 mark pulled the Mavs to 14-7, but Creighton scored the next 13 points to expand its lead to 27-7.

The Mavs did not give up cutting the

Jays' 20-point lead in half with two minutes remaining before halftime when Conley nailed a free throw to make the score 36-26.

Creighton, however, scored seven of the next eight points and led 43-27 at the half. The last basket by Jays came when Vanderheydt tipped in a missed layup by Crutcher.

Creighton used its size advantage to outrebound UNO on both ends of the court.

Creighton started three players weighing more than 200 pounds, including King who tips the scales at 268,

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# Lady Mav's Beat Denver for Tourney Title

## UNO Still Undefeated

By Tim Rohwer

Is it too early to start talking about a national championship for UNO's women's basketball team?

Well maybe, but the Lady Mavs are still undefeated, picking up two more victories over the weekend to win the Cox Cable Classic in the UNO Fieldhouse.

UNO defeated Bemidji (Minn.) State, 81-66, in Friday's opening round, then defeated Denver University, 62-59, in Saturday's championship game.

The two victories improved the Lady Mavs' record to 5-0.

Bemidji defeated Northwest Missouri State, 98-66, for third place in the four-team tournament.

Senior forward Roxanne Wiles connected on the front end of a one-and-one with four seconds remaining to stop a Denver comeback and seal the championship game.

Wiles' point came after Denver's Stacy Howard and Kim Schmid each hit three-point baskets to close the score to within 61-59 with 28 seconds remaining. UNO led by eight points, 61-53, with 1:43 remaining.

Freshman guard Amy Loth led UNO with 18 points, while senior guard Aimee Noel added 11 points and six rebounds. Noel was selected as the tournament's most valuable player.

In Friday's game, junior center Shonna Tryon scored 18 points to lead five UNO players in double figures as the Lady Mavs trounced Bemidji.

The turning point for the Lady Mavs came in the first five minutes of the second half. UNO outscored the Beavers 13-2 to take a 51-35 lead, after Bemidji stayed close at halftime, trailing only 38-33.

Cold shooting also hurt Bemidji throughout the game as they shot just 28.6 percent from the field.

Noel and Loth scored 12 points each, while sophomore forward Michelle Spelman and Wiles added 11 each.

Bemidji's Amy Nelson led all scorers with 24 points.

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—Lisa Tosoni

UNO guard Roxanne Wiles, No 22, looks to pass the ball in Friday's game against Bemidji.

## Wrestlers Primed for UNK

By Tim Rohwer

UNO wrestler Steve Costanzo won four of five matches Saturday to place second in the 134-pound division at the University of Northern Iowa Open.

Costanzo's finish was the highest among the Mav participants in the non-team scoring event which attracted 286 wrestlers from 11 states, according to Mav Coach Mike Denney.

"Michigan State University was there, along with Miami of Ohio, North Dakota State and Iowa State had some wrestlers there," Denney said. "It was a good quality tournament, and Steve beat some good people."

Other UNO wrestlers who placed (sixth or higher) included: Lim Prim, 3-2, for fourth in the 118-pound division; Jimmy Foster, 4-1, for fifth in the 126-pound division; Brian Zanders, 5-1, for fifth in the 150-pound division; Pat Kelley, 2-2, for sixth in the 190-pound division.

"Jason Hutson was one match away from placing in the 142-pound division. He wrestled really well," Denney added. "In a lot of the divisions, there were 64-man brackets, so anybody who places in this kind of tournament has done a good job."

For Costanzo, it was the second straight open in which he placed high in his division. The junior from Bennington placed third at UNO's Ryan Kaufmann Open on Nov. 20.

"Steve placed third in what I thought was

the toughest weight class at that open," Denney said. "He really performed well, in fact, he was our wrestler of the week."

Denney said he tries to schedule as many of these early, non-scoring events as possible to prepare the team for the North Central Conference season which begins in January.

"Our goal is to give our wrestlers 15 to 20 matches by Christmas," he said. "We take them to the toughest matches available. We don't shy away from them."

Denney will take the Mavs to the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) Open this weekend.

"They (UNK) won't have the quality of

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while UNO started only one player, sophomore center John Skokan, that weighs more than 200 pounds.

UNO Coach Bob Hanson said Creighton's size was a problem for the Mavs, but that they responded well overall.

"It was hard to simulate them physically during practice and they were very physical with us," he said. "But after we got down early, we began to handle them better. I thought we did a good job on Nate King. I'm sure King will have more than 17 points in a lot of games this season."

Conley opened the second half with a jumper at the 19:21 mark, but the

guarded screens, the way we ran the court and with our shot discipline."

Hanson said the Mavs might have stolen the game away if it weren't for the free throws. UNO missed 24 of 37 free-throw attempts, including four one-and-one opportunities.

"If we make our free throws, we win the game," he said. "We miss 24 and lose by 17. That's our chance of winning the ball game right there."

Hanson praised his team for not giving up and said the season could still be a successful one.

"We're improving and the kids are positive," he said. "We still have the chance to have a good team."

**"We're improving and the kids are positive. We still have the chance to have a good team."**

—Bob Hanson  
UNO Basketball Coach

Jays were still soaring and got back to a 20-point lead when guard Denny Halligan hit for three at the 15-minute mark to make the score, 54-34.

The Jays went on to increase their lead to 24 points at various times throughout the game, while UNO could get no closer than 16 points.

Creighton Coach Rick Johnson said afterwards he expected his team to win.

"We should have won. We're bigger, stronger and more physical," he said. "But I'm happy with the way we played the game. I'm happy with the way we

Johnson said this year's game was played for two reasons; to give Creighton an additional home game and to gauge community response on whether the series should continue.

He was not pleased with the turnout in the auditorium which seats nearly 10,000.

"It should have been better supported," Johnson said. "I could say that if both teams had better records, then maybe there would have been a better crowd, but that's a cop out. We've got to find out why there weren't more people."

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## Mav Bowler Rolls Perfect Game Lady Mavs Sign Iowa Center

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Steve Speth, a member of the UNO men's bowling team, rolled a perfect 300 game at the 1993 National Collegiate Team Match Games in St. Louis over the Thanksgiving break.

Speth also shot a 278 game and finished with a 215 average for nine games.

Dave Herweg led the men's team with a 220 average.

The UNO women's team was led by Paula Winters who bowled a 253 game on her way to a 212 average.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln won the men's division at the tournament.

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

UNO Women's Basketball Coach Cherri Mankenberg said last week that Jacinda Van Fossen of West High School in Davenport, Iowa, has signed a national letter of intent to attend UNO in 1994.

Van Fossen, a 6-0 center, was a first-team all-conference and all-metro selection as a junior last season while averaging 16.4 points and 11.4 rebounds per game.

"Jacinda has some outstanding abilities," Mankenberg said. "She is a good, tough, hard worker inside who will be a valuable addition to our program."

## FROM WRESTLING, PAGE 10

other meets, but they will have some good teams, like Adams State of Colorado, Northern Colorado, the University of Wyoming and Fort Hays State of Kansas," he said.

The Mavs have progressed well since the season began, Denney said, and their performance also has impressed other coaches.

"At the Northern Iowa Open, I heard from other coaches, including many NCAA Division I coaches, who told me they were impressed with us," he said. "That's fun to hear."

The Mavs' only major injury this year has been by senior Tony DeGeorge's broken hand. DeGeorge wrestles in the 158 and 167-pound divisions.

"We hope to get Tony back for a dual meet at Northern Iowa on January 6," Denney said. "He's already providing good leadership because the younger wrestlers are seeing how hard he is working out away from the mat and that helps."

## FROM LADY MAVS, PAGE 10

Lady Mav Coach Cherri Mankenberg said her team played well against two good teams.

"We were pleased to hold the high-scoring Denver offense to only 59 points," she said. "Amy Loth and Aimee Noel did a great job in leading the team and the freshmen came in and played key roles and gained valuable experience.

"Shonna Tryon also stepped up and gained a lot of confidence during the course of the tournament, Mankenberg said. "The

only thing I was not pleased with was rebounding."

Denver outrebounded the Lady Mavs, 46-32.

The all-tournament team was dominated by the Lady Mavs as Noel, Loth and Tryon were selected, along with Bemidji's Nelson and Beth Jacobson of Denver.

UNO will host the University of Nebraska at Kearney in the UNO Fieldhouse on Wednesday. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

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# Past Predicts the Future Not Much Hope for the Huskers

It's time to bring a close to this semester's sports column by filling in some tidbits on the fall/winter sports seasons.

As I predicted, (*Gateway*, Aug. 27) Nebraska meets Florida State for the mythical national championship in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1. None of us in the print media (or broadcast for that matter) are bold enough to predict an upset, and why should we?

Nebraska deserves to play for the national championship, but after losing six consecutive bowl games and a none-too-spectacular undefeated season, it's difficult to make a case for the Huskers to defeat the mighty Seminoles.

Florida State 31, Nebraska 17. Sorry Husker fans, good luck in either the Pigskin or Kick-Off Classic.

It sure was nice to see UNO and Creighton renew their lopsided rivalry last Saturday. Too bad the game was such a yawner. UNO Coach Bob Hanson said if it hadn't been for missed free throws, (24 misses on 37 attempts) the Mavs may have been able to pull off the upset.

For those of you not in attendance, UNO needed more than just free throws to win. It's not a good sign when the Blue Jays were putting players on the floor without names on the backs of their jerseys.

UNO has nice quickness in the backcourt, but in the paint, well, they have nice quickness in the backcourt.

The best sight for sore eyes was former UNO Football Coach Tom Mueller at the Civic Auditorium. Mueller

attended the Creighton game with his son Nate. Despite leaving the athletic program, Mueller still supports the university that couldn't do the same for him. Tom, you're a class act. There are a few others at UNO who could learn from your example. Best of luck.

Leading the way for this year's M&M award is Mike Conley. The M&M award is named after former Lady Mav Marsha Moore who scared opponents and fans alike with

It's got to be a record. UNO Women's Basketball Coach Cherri Mankenberg has gone five games without whining about the lack of coverage her Lady Mavs receive from the media. This season, however, Mankenberg may have reason to complain. The Lady Mavs have more victories than the men's basketball programs at UNO, Nebraska, and Creighton combined. You go girls.

Where will you go, you two Lauras, the Lady Mav volleyball team turns its lonely eyes to you, woo, woo, woo.

Never did say anything about the UNO's new mascot. Love the outfit, hate the name. Durango. I read that the NU regents were referring to our Chancellor Del Weber as "a maverick." Possibly they have confused him with Durango. Rumor has it when he's in a crazed mood, Weber likes to walk around the office sporting a nose ring similar to Durango's. I wonder what the regents wear when they're feeling a little crazy?

There's nothing worse than driving to Kansas City for a great sports weekend and having to listen to K.C.'s radio stations. The slogan for K.C. radio has to be "more talk, less rock."

I can't finish the column without one last comment on college football. A playoff would be lousy. The bowl coalition worked, the polls did not. Nebraska versus West Virginia for the national championship? At least the Huskers would have had a shot.

## Michael Messerly COLUMNIST

her physical play on the basketball floor. Conley looks like he goes through warm-ups angry. He's still no Marsha Moore, but then again, who is?

For all you North Central Conference (NCC) football fans, bad news. North Dakota lost to Indiana (Pa.) 21-6 in the NCAA Division II football playoffs. It seems strange not having an NCC school in the championship game.

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